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"SPAIN'S POSITION IN THE EAST-WEST CONFLICT".

THE PROBLEM

To prepare an estimate of the strategic position and importance of Spain in the East-West conflict.

Questions Bearing on the Problem

I. Political Factors.

A. Internal Position. Present a brief discussion of the current and future stability of the Franco Government; and the possibilities for the adoption of measures that might increase the popular basis of the government.

B. International Position. Include a general discussion of the foreign policy of the Franco Government; of the role of Spain in the world anti-Communist front; and of Franco's foreign relations.

II. Economic Factors.

Discussion should cover the current economic situation with special emphasis on industries and facilities which affect over-all military potential, such as transportation, communications, armaments production, and agriculture.

III. Military Factors.

Include a discussion of the military importance of Spain to the US and the Western Powers with particular reference to the defense of Western Europe and the Mediterranean; military value of ports and

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naval bases, airfields and radar sites, strength, disposition,
state of training, weapons and equipment, and logistic support of the
Spanish Armed Forces.

Conclusion

State the strategic position and importance of Spain's alignment
in the East-West conflict derived from the data included in the dis-
cussion under political, economic, and military factors.

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